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From: Ronald Hinze [<mailto:rhinze1229@hotmail.com>]  
Sent: Sunday, April 12, 2009 11:58 AM  
To: gjentink@wi.rr.com; Jeff Duenk; ken hoopman; Mark Mentink; Mark Post  
Subject: FW: Fire Department Agreement Memo 01

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Subject: FW: Fire Department Agreement Memo 01  
Date: Mon, 6 Apr 2009 09:53:55 -0500  
From: donbecker@alphaterra.net  
To: rhinze1229@hotmail.com

See my reply below, and Mark's reply to me. I thought we were on track to try to get closer to something that would be agreeable to both boards based upon your insights and mine - then pull the boards back together. That apparently is not the case. Prior to receipt of the letter this morning, I had spoken by e-mail to our board members regarding a "simple" agreement. Most seemed to look to our Oostburg agreement - equal sharing of all costs. At least one of our board members wants to dissect the data for a more accurate analysis, and he had some valid points. Under an equal sharing scenario, we would still pay rent and water/hookups. As we discussed on the phone a couple weeks back, if we use a spreadsheet to "calculate" a share ratio, we are inviting a dissection and re-dissection of the data -- and frustration for most people in the room. We should consider pulling the first responders/EMTs into this agreement as well, or we will be right back at the table discussing that service next.

I felt we were very close to an agreement in our last combined meeting, albeit a more complex agreement. I am in support of a simple agreement, but a simple agreement based on a spreadsheet of data is not simple in my opinion because the moment any single item/assumption on the spreadsheet changes, one party or the other will be dissatisfied and we will be right back at the table again. I am more pessimistic about a quick resolution of these negotiations today than I was going into our last joint meeting.

I whole heartedly agree that all requests for capital equipment should come before the joint boards so one does not get played against the other.

Based on Mark's e-mail reply, I intend to present to our board a week from today; and we will continue to grind this one out the same way we have been doing it.

Don Becker

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From: mpost@argueso.com [<mailto:mpost@argueso.com>]  
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2009 9:00 AM  
To: Don Becker  
Subject: RE: Fire Department Agreement Memo 01

Don,

It is most important that we do this correctly. Get the information in front of your board and we will take it from there. We should definitely have it resolved in May. We will wait to hear back from you.

Mark Post - Mobile  
920-889-0564

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From: Don Becker <donbecker@alphaterra.net>  
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2009 8:49 AM

To: Mark Post <mpost@argueso.com>  
Subject: RE: Fire Department Agreement Memo 01

Thank you for the letter. I have already spent some time considering the points of the letter, but need to set it aside now to get some other things done. My objective is to get back to you within a week with comments.

I am struggling right now with getting things in shape within my business for an 11-12 day absence on my part. I will be leaving on the 15th and returning to work on April 27. Although I am willing to have the Town Board meet with the Village Board in my absence, I don't believe that is the best approach due -- right now, I am the strongest proponent of a simple FD agreement on the Town Board. I recommend that I get you our comments very soon on the points made in your letter, and prior to my departure schedule a meeting for shortly after my return. I would appreciate it if you would suggest a few possible dates. My calendar is very open for an evening meeting except for April 27 and the first two Mondays in May.

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From: mpost@argueso.com [<mailto:mpost@argueso.com>]  
Sent: Sunday, April 05, 2009 2:50 PM  
To: Don Becker  
Subject: Fire Department Agreement Memo 01

Dan,

Take a look at the attached memo. It reflects the thoughts of the VOCG village board. Talk about it with your people and bounce it back. I sent it in two formats incase some people don't have MS Word 2007.

Regards,  
Mark Post  
M. Argueso & Company  
920-889-0564